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In response to the requirement of the Office Action dated January 24, 2006,
Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-10) for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant reserves its right to have claims to additional groups considered upon
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